

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 7/15/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 8/19/04.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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BUS FRAMER

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

5 This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional
Application No. 60/329,809, which was filed on October 15,
2001 and titled "Sol Computer Architecture" (Attorney Docket
No.: 10559/659P01/P12874Z).

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TECHNICAL FIELD

10 This invention relates generally to a bus framer and an
architecture therefor.

BACKGROUND

15 A computer bus (or simply "bus") is a collection of wires
over which data is transmitted between devices, such as a
processor and a memory. Data is transferred over a bus in a
specific format. For example, the data may be transferred in
"frames". Generally speaking, a frame is a data structure
that organizes data packets into time slots that specify the
20 order in which the data packets are to be transferred. Other
information may also be included in a frame, such as the
port(s) to which data packets are to be transferred.

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

1. The drawings filed on 10/25/01 are acceptable for examination. Formal drawings is required when the application is allowed. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-30 are allowable over the prior of records.

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 11 and 21 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior arts. Prior art fails to teach frame data structure having blocks arrange in N rows and M columns, where N and M are integers that are greater than one thus a block including data used to implement a bus frame protocol and designating a destination port of a receiving device and a time slot for the data.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim T. Vo whose telephone number is 703-308-5862. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 703-305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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